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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of the document is attached.

The Document AA, Japanese Laid-open Patent Application Publication 53-57181 was cited in Notification of Reason(s) for Refusal for the corresponding Japanese patent mailed by the Japan Patent Office on September 24, 2003. A copy of the notice is also enclosed. Although two (2) references, Japanese Laid-open Patent Application Publication 52-49668 and 53-57181 were cited in the notice, JP 52-49668 was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 24, 2002.

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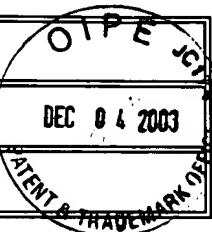
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